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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.: 6741</b>
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<b>Hirohito KONDO, et al.</b>	)	
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U.S. Serial No.: 10/731,010	)	Group Art Unit: 2861
	)	
Filed: December 10, 2003	)	Examiner: Hai Chi Pham

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS EMPLOYING LED PRINT HEAD (As Amended)

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2006 is due by March 3, 2006. The Action required election between the following:

Species I drawn to an embodiment as displayed in Figs. 4 and 7; and

Species II drawn to an embodiment as displayed in Figs. 13, 15, 17, and 18.

Applicants hereby elect Species I for examination in this application. Species I corresponds to claims 1-4. Applicants advise that no change in the inventorship of the application will be required by the eventual cancellation of non-elected claims.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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